Marra Farm Community Meeting #3
6-7-06

The farm is used well now – will it be changed?
- How will various elements be integrated?
- How will various options for changes be presented to the community?

Can traffic calming and sidewalks be part of this project?

There is virtually no parking at Marra Farm. Could Concord parking be used for large gatherings?

Problems with unsupervised children at the park – safety and crime.

Soil plateau on the eastern half of the site – any opportunities for sculpting the edges?

Furnishings with Park Standards – will need to be just on eastern half of site or all over the property?

Fill from SDOT is clean but hard pan

Concerned about the character of the farm – there is a need to maximize agricultural output.

Concentrate recreation on the east side of property rather than integrating it with farm.

Leave the farm alone. There are few good places for kids to play but kids enjoy natural play on farm.

Can there be a water feature?

Farm needs an outdoor meeting space.

No playground on the farm. No benches, no tables, no BBQ. People should be "invited" to the farm. Use the east side of the property for play and park programs.

Would prefer not to have lots of "things" around like buildings, signs, tables, benches.

Put picnic tables under the trees.

Mix elements within the farm – how can we introduce the farm to people if they can't walk around it and sit down and look at it?

Bike racks on both sides of the property.

We need to embrace the farm and show it off in a park-like setting, especially to schools and seniors for nutrition programs.

Cottonwood tree branches need selective thinning

Park needs a walking path around the farm – needs to be of really low impact construction

Fences to keep dogs and people on the path is a huge priority – some consistency of fencing desired.

What is status of the fruit trees on the north side of the property?

What kinds of vegetation – fruit, agricultural, wetland, ornamental – are planned?

Split rail fence can be put in with volunteers

Kids are attached to the farm but want more activities. Put them in the plateau. Kids from South Park are already attached to the farm so there is less vandalism.

Keep some open spaces for the kids to run around.

Every year there is less open space in the neighborhood. Now the farm is it.

Make sure to specify the park is pesticide free on the rainbow sign. "Organic" too?

Park rainbow sign is fine now. Make an "art" sign later.

Plateau is "Imagination Land". Kids love it the way it is. I wouldn't change it.

Recognize that glass recycling is going on south of park. Mosaics along south boundary? Overlook?

Use water as a kinetic sculpture that kids could play in.

How will you address parking and stormwater detention?

SW corner access – can it be blocked off with a gate?

Could the natural buffer on the east side have bike paths?

Gravel parking lot is better than asphalt or other impervious surface.

Could open meadow be used for parking?

How can upper meadow be ADA accessible?

Parking lot is already a good size. Concord could be used for events. Make sure to sign ADA spaces.

Play can just be an open space to run around in.

Play structures should not be metal or big toys like in ordinary parks.

Put the play area away from the farm on the east side of the site.

Water and topography could provide places for play. See Dennis Clark Park in King County, Camp Long climbing for kids and adults, artist/community-designed play area at Carkeek Park.

Kids just want a hill to roll down.

Tire swings would be okay.

Have a holder for dog litter bags.

We need a covered area for events inside with bathrooms, kitchen, afterschool programs for older kids. South Park has NO high school and middle school and needs good programs for older kids. A place to get skills.

Building could be modeled on Carkeek Environmental Center.

A building would cost too much and need too much space.

How are we limited with the King County agreement to purchase Marra Farm? Does it have to stay as a farm?

Build park around existing programs and don't disrupt what is there.